

“The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a man’s determination.”

Tommy Lasorda

“Stepping up to the plate”: same theme, different person. Once again we recognize someone who stepped up when it was their time to shine. After two years playing important roles for Braintree High School, Kevin O’Brien began his Senior Year as the starting left fielder for the team and his value to the team’s success was seen immediately. He is very deserving of our April Athlete of the Month Award.

Kevin O’Brien has been a three-sport athlete for Braintree High School during his entire high school career. On the football field, he was Captain and Baystate League All-Star. In fact, football is the sport he will play next year at Endicott College where he plans to study Exercise Science. Kevin was also on the Wamps Varsity Hockey Team these past two seasons. However, it was this Spring in baseball where he truly showed his leadership. As Braintree prepared to defend their two Super 8 State Championships, Coach Bill O’Connell was looking for some new players to step up and take the leadership reins after many departures from the previous season. Kevin was instrumental to Braintree’s great start this season. Throughout the season Kevin was amongst the top in the Bay State in batting average. Going into the last week of the season Kevin was hitting .416 with 2 homeruns and 17 Runs Batted In. As the Braintree Wamps prepare for the postseason, it will be Kevin’s leadership the team will look towards if they are to make a good run.

Kevin’s leadership can also be seen in the hallways at Braintree High School. Last year, Kevin was chosen to represent BHS at the MIAA Leadership Award Conference at Gillette Stadium. His parents are extremely proud of his ability to keep high marks in class while playing three sports. At The Baseball Club, we are also proud and confident he will continue to excel in college.

Great job Kevin and good luck in the future. Keep up the hard work.

James Joyce